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Turid RISDAL et al. : Docket No. 2002-0434A  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL REJECTION**

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In response to the Final Rejection dated April 11, 2003, please amend the present application as follows:

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